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CITE MEXICO CITY 45940 (CHAIDEZ ACTING)

TO: IMMEDIATE DIRECTOR.

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MNINTEL RYBAT

REFS: A. DIRECTOR 261323 *
B. STATE 185315 (EXDIS) 21 JUL 78 **
C. DIRECTOR 229921 **

1. AMBASSADOR LUCEY WAS BRIEFED ON CONTENTS REF A EVENING 21 JULY. THE AMBASSADOR IN TURN TURNED OVER COPY OF AN EXDIS MESSAGE (REF B) WHICH HE RECEIVED 21 JULY INSTRUCTING HIM TO TRANSMIT LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL OSCAR FLORES SANCHEZ FROM G. ROBERT BLAKEY, CHIEF COUNSEL AND DIRECTOR OF THE HSCA, REQUESTING ASSISTANCE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN LOCATING AND INTERVIEWING TWELVE PERSONS IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR INVESTIGATION. SIX OF THE NINE NAMES CONTAINED PARA 3 REF A APPEAR ON THE LIST BEING TRANSMITTED TO THE MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL.

2. THE LETTER SENT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONTAINS THE NAMES OF LUIS ALBERU SUOTO (201-0329609); CONSUELO ESPERON (201-0330173); MANUEL ALONSO CALVILLO (201-0331599); AND ALFONSO RUDOLPH WICHTRICH (201-0030999). THESE FOUR PERSONS ARE IDENTIFIED AS FORMER AGENTS IN PARA 3 REF A. THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES IN LOCATING AND ARRANGING FOR THE INTERVIEW OF THESE FOUR AGENTS WILL PRECLUDE ANY SECURE ARRANGEMENTS FROM BEING FOLLOWED DURING THE INTERVIEW WITH THE HSCA INVESTIGATORS AND APPEARS TO

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VIOLATE REF A AGREEMENT (SUPPORTED BY HIGHEST AUTHORITY) WHEREBY THERE WOULD ONLY BE GRANTED INDIRECT ACCESS TO THE PERSONS BEING INTERVIEWED.

3. AFTER PROCEDURES OUTLINED REF A FOR INDIRECT TECHNICAL ACCESS TO THE FORMER AGENTS WAS EXPLAINED TO THE AMBASSADOR, HE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS INHERENT WITH THE USE OF COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND THE MANNER PROPOSED TO CONDUCT THE INTERVIEWS. AT TIME OF HIS DISCUSSION, NEITHER THE AMBASSADOR NOR STATION AWARE THAT NAMES OF FORMER AGENTS HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL. QUESTION NOW ARISES WHETHER REF A INDIRECT INTERVIEW PROCEDURES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED WITH REMAINING NAMES INCLUDED PARA 3 REF A. PLS ADVISE.

4. STATUS OF NAMES APPEARING PARA 3 REF A ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. IN ADDITION TO THE NAMES OF THE FOUR FORMER AGENTS GIVEN PARA 2 ABOVE, THE LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ALSO INCLUDES THE NAMES OF GENERAL JOSE JESUS CLARK FLORES AND NOE W. PALOMARES. INVOLVEMENT OF THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES WILL, OF COURSE, PRECLUDE ANY STATION ACTION TO CONTACT AND ARRANGE FOR INTERVIEW.

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B. LICOOKY/1. PER REF C, HER LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS NEW YORK CITY. REQUEST HQS CHECK THIS ADDRESS FOR ANY INFO ON HER PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AND ADVISE. ALSO, PLS ADVISE NAME OF LAST AGENCY C/O IN CONTACT WITH SUBJECT WHICH WE CAN USE AS BONA-FIDES IN EVENT STATION SUCCESSFUL IN LOCATING HER IN MEXICO CITY. DID LICOOKY/1 KNOW HER C/O'S IN TRUE NAME OR ALIAS?

(3)

C. RAYMOND H. GERENDE. SUBJECT PROBABLY AVAILABLE MEXICO CITY AS HE WALKED INTO THE EMBASSY ON 25 APR 78 OFFERING HIS SERVICES. HQS TRACES ON SUBJECT GIVEN DIRECTOR 215553. ** PLS NOTE THAT SUBJECT HAS HAD DRINKING AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS IN THE PAST. HIS MEXICO CITY ADDRESS GIVEN AS TACUBAYA, NEAR THE SOVIET EMBASSY, AT REBOLLAR 100, APT 8, TEL : 277-54-31.

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D. LIONION/1. STATION FILES INDICATE HE TERMINATED 31 JULY 1973 WHEN THE KDACROBAT^{LS} BASE CLOSED. ON TERMINATION,

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SUBJECT AND MOTHER MOVED PERMANENTLY TO SPAIN. WILL ATTEMPT LOCATE MEXICO CITY BUT ALSO SUGGEST HQS QUERY MADRID STATION FOR ANY INFO HIS WHEREABOUTS IN SPAIN.

(6) E. EDWARD G. TICHBORN (P). SUBJECT'S FILE NO LONGER AVAILABLE AT STATION. LAST CARDED INFO DATED 1968 WHICH DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY ADDRESS. WILL CHECK FURTHER AND ADVISE.

5. THUS FAR, STATION NOT SUCCESSFUL IN LOCATING ACCOMMODATIONS REQUESTED REF A. HOTELS GENEVE AND BRISTOL ARE FULL. HOTEL MARIA ISABEL HAS ONLY ONE JUNIOR SUITE AVAILABLE AND NO ADJOINING ROOMS. ALSO, ONLY TWO ADJOINING ROOMS AVAILABLE ON ANY GIVEN FLOOR. RESERVATIONS COUNTER AT HOTELS DEL PRADO, ARISTO, CONTINENTAL ARE CLOSED. WILL TRY AGAIN AS SOON AS RESERVATIONS AT HOTELS OPEN SATURDAY MORNING. WILL ADVISE. PLS ADVISE CAPT. GOODING THAT HE HAS CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS AT THE DEL ANGEL, RIO LERMA 154. THESE MAY BE ADJUSTED DEPENDING ON SUCCESS IN LOCATING REF A ACCOMMODATIONS. CASE OFFICER WITH DIP PASSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED PER PARA 2 REF A.

6. NO FILE. E2, IMPDET.

C/S COMMENT: * INFORMED STATION HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS ARRIVING MEXICO CITY 24 JULY TO CONTINUE INQUIRIES. OIG STAFFER TO SERVE AS GO-BETWEEN (SUPPORTED BY HIGHEST AUTHORITY) WITH COMMITTEE HAVING NO DIRECT ACCESS TO FORMER AGENTS.

** DEPTEL NOT RECEIVED HEADQUARTERS. REF C PREDATES CDS STORAGE-COPY FURNISHED ON REQUEST.

END OF MESSAGE

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